

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

James B. Skelton,)	
)	C/A No. 2:09-1430-MBS
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
Navy Personnel Command, and)	
V. Admiral Mark E. Ferguson, III, C.O.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff James B. Skelton, proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, filed the within complaint on May 28, 2009, asserting that he is entitled to Naval disability retirement benefits.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02, D.S.C., this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Robert S. Carr for pretrial handling. The Magistrate Judge reviewed the complaint pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and applicable precedents. The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation on June 24, 2009. The Magistrate Judge determined that the court is without jurisdiction to review the subject of veterans benefits, whether in an original suit or by way of review of the actions of the Veterans' Administration. Accordingly, the Magistrate Judge recommended that the complaint be dismissed without prejudice and without issuance and service of process. Plaintiff filed no objection to the Report and Recommendation.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility for making a final determination remains with this court. Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or may recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of objections to the

Report, this court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983).

The court has carefully reviewed the record and concurs in the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge. The court adopts the Report and Recommendation and incorporates it herein by reference. The within complaint is dismissed without prejudice and without issuance and service of process.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Margaret B. Seymour
United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina

July 16, 2009.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Plaintiff is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.